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SANDOWN NORTH NEWS



*From the desk of
Jo Ann K. Georgiam, Principal*

We are back from spring vacation and ready for a longer than usual home stretch. Spring brings a renewed sense of possibilities and an energy which we all welcome. For young children, however, it can mean the end of school. We have two months of school left and lots of learning to do. Please help your child realize that although the weather is getting warmer and warmer, we have much left to accomplish. We will certainly appreciate it. We know that once you open your pools, we're really be up against it ☺, but what stories they will be able to write from their experiences!!

Spring also brings thoughts of transitions for our third graders. They

are thinking of moving on to Sandown Central, to 4th grade. Just as with any other transition, the children are excited yet a little bit nervous as well. The staffs of both schools have planned activities to allay some fears and to answer the children's questions. If your child expresses anxiety to you, please be sure to let his/her classroom teacher know and she will be sure that your child is supported.

To celebrate these four wonderful years together, we will be having a Third Grade Celebration Day at Sandlots Fields again this year. The children use the skills that they have learned in Physical Education class this year. They work collaboratively with teammates to be the fastest, the strongest, or the ones simply having the most fun! I look forward to this day every year because of the huge smiles on everyone's faces. Parent volunteers really seem to enjoy their day and the camaraderie at the grill. One day, about 11 years ago, we happened to mention that we missed not having a field for Field Day, when

Linda Meehan offered their field to us. This has become a yearly tradition for just our third graders, as a special rite of passage. We are so fortunate to be so supported by the caring individuals who do so much for the children!

Young students bring such a joy and excitement to learning and next year we are so pleased to be able to welcome 4 year olds to an Inclusive Pre-Kindergarten classroom. The class will be staffed by a regular education teacher, a special educator, and a para-professional and will be a half-day, morning only program. Older siblings are thrilled to tell us that their little brother or sister is coming to school next year. Having these young children will give us an opportunity to get to know the child at an early age so we can meet his/her needs as they begin school.

Lastly, thanks for your cooperation with our arrival and dismissal procedures. As you know, to follow state law, the buses must turn their lights on to load and unload children which causes some traffic at our site. However, with the new expected signage and the new procedures, we think our system will work. Please remember that from 8:15 – 8:45 and 3:00 – 3:30, buses only are allowed in front of the school. All other vehicles

need to take a right before the building and travel behind the building. If parents are here at 3:05 for car rider dismissal, we should be able to get all cars out by the time the buses are loading. Thanks again for bearing with us on this one!



From the School Counselor:

On Tuesday evening, April 16th, Dr. Louise Morin-Davy, Director of Child, Adolescent and Family Services from CLM, presented to parents on the topic of Anxiety in Children. The evening was very informative and unfortunately, given the tragedy the day before at the Boston Marathon, very relevant. Dr. Morin-Davy went through her planned presentation but also took the time to address parent concerns regarding the Boston Marathon bombings. We have a wonderfully collaborative relationship with the Center for Life Management and I hope to offer more workshops next year. She did have handouts and if you are interested in them, let me know and I will get you copies. In addition, on our Timberlane District website there are several helpful articles about talking with your child about violence and tragedy. Please visit the website at www.timberlane.net. If you have

additional question or concerns, feel free to contact me directly.

The Center for Life Management will also be offering a 6 week group for children between the ages of 5-8 on "Coping with Divorce; Making It Positive". You do not need to be a client of CLM to participate. The group will start May 14th and will be held in the Salem, NH office. You may contact me for more information or Kim Briggs, LMFT, who will be running the group. Her number is 965-0609.

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From the Art Room...

Our distinguished student artists are eagerly preparing to showcase their year-long efforts at their annual Art Show. The spring Art Show is a year in review of the many art concepts and art history based lessons that students have been exposed to. They have created beautiful pieces of artwork that will be hung up on display. I look forward to seeing all of you at our wonderful community event at Sandown North School on Wednesday, May 29th 6-7pm. Thank you for always supporting the Arts!
Mrs. Lenihan

